

# HAT CREEK C&H ALLOTMENT

## ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

These are the annual operating instructions for the 2003 grazing season for the Hat Creek C&H allotment and will be considered part of the terms and conditions of the grazing permit.

### I. Permitted / Authorized Use

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Term Grazing Permit				Authorized use			
No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s	No.	On Date	Off Date	H.M.s
518	6/26	10/10	1813	462	06/26	09/30	1487

### II. Grazing Schedule and Monitoring Utilization Standards

Actual Grazing Schedule				Allowable Standards	
Unit No.	Unit Name	# Head/H.M's	Dates **	Riparian ***	Uplands
1	Little Hat	462/376	06/26-07/21	4"	4"
3	Big Hat Creek	462/231	07/22-08/06	5-6"	4"
4	Iron Mountain #	462/651	08/07-09/30	4 "	4"
2	Park Moose	rested			

\*- During the 2003 grazing season, the final 15% of the original 25% suspension has been restored.

\*\* - **These dates are tentative.** Range readiness will be monitored to determine if the on-date is appropriate. Utilization levels will determine the off date.

\*\*\*- Cattle will be moved to the next unit at stubble heights two inches above the standard. For example if the standard is 4 inches the cattle will be moved when a 6-inch stubble height is reached.

# Put your cattle into the Burn Unit first and then move them to the backside of Iron Mountain before September 15 due to bull trout spawning.

**NOTE - Do not wait for the forest officer to tell you it is time to move! It is the permittee's responsibility to insure cattle are moved before utilization levels are exceeded.**

### III. PERMITTEE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Permittees will coordinate with the Morgan Creek Allotment Permittees to make sure gates in the Hat Creek Division fence stay closed. The gates will be checked at least once a week. This fence will be checked by Forest personnel to make sure the fence has been maintained and that the gates have been closed.

Cattle will be moved before stubble height standards are reached. The permittees will have one rider on the allotment throughout the field season.

The dates of use and sequence of use may be changed due to forage and/or weather conditions. If for these reasons, or others, you wish to make changes in the dates of use or grazing sequence as described in this plans of use, *please discuss it with us before you do so.*

If you are planning to put less than 90 percent of the permitted cattle on the allotment, you will need to apply for nonuse.

Water troughs are to be filled before cattle enter any of the grazing units. When cattle leave a grazing unit, the troughs in that unit are to be drained.

The permittees shall make every effort to remove all cattle from a grazing unit when the grazing period has ended in that unit. These units will be checked weekly until the previous grazed units will be cleared of cattle.

Proper distribution of livestock is very important to proper forage utilization. Proper distribution can be attained through placement of water developments, salting, and riding. Salt should be placed away from all heavily used trails, all roads, all water, and all natural concentration areas. Some riding usually needs to be done to herd cattle into unused areas or to prevent them from over-utilizing stream bottoms or other riparian areas.

To meet the State of Idaho's provision for trichomoniasis testing, all bulls must be tested at least 45 days prior to the turnout date.

At the end of the grazing season, please let us know what your actual use was for the season. We will mail you an actual use form to fill out after the end of the grazing season. This information is one of the many forms of data used to determine how the range is responding to the management practices applied to it.

Any hay or straw used in association with this permit, will be certified and/or tagged as noxious weed, or noxious weed seed free as directed by the order (#04-00-097, 2/03, according to 36CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), and 36 CFR 261.58 (t)) and state law (Idaho Code sec 22 according to IDAPA 02.06.31.001, 7/99).

#### IV. IMPROVEMENT MAINTENANCE/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements on the Hat Creek C&H Allotments will be maintained to Forest Service standards prior to livestock entry onto the allotment or into the first unit.

Each individual permittee is responsible for maintenance of certain Forest Service range improvements on the allotment, as listed in their grazing permits.

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Condition
5032	North Fk Hat Cr. Bndy Fence*/1	08/06	Permittee	Good
5065	Iron Mountain Unit Fence	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5066	Big Hat Creek Unit Fence	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5067	Iron Mountain #2 Trough	08/06	Permittee	Good
5068	Iron Mountain Trough	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5069	Taylor Butte Trough	07/21	Permittee	Satisfactory
5070	Coyote Spring Trough	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5071	Tile Spring Trough	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5190	Hat Creek Boundary Fence	05/15	Permittee	Satisfactory
5191	Little Hat Creek Fence	06/25	Permittee	Satisfactory
5192	Hat Creek Division Fence*/2	06/25	Permittee	Satisfactory
5374	Wards Butte Fence	06/25	Permittee	Satisfactory
5375	Middle Fork Hat Creek Fence	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5379	Park-Moose Division Fence	07/21	Permittee	Good
5382	Middle Fork Fence	08/06	Permittee	Satisfactory
5388	North Fork Hat Creek Fence	08/06	Permittee	Good
5412	Moose Creek Water Devel.	---	Permittee	Good
5417	North Fork Hat Cr. Fence Ext.	08/06	Permittee	Good
5418	Hat Creek Boundary Fence Ext.	05/15	Permittee	Good
5430	Park Creek Water Development	---	Permittee	Good
5431	Iron Mtn Saddle Water Devel.	08/06	Permittee	Good
5433	Big Hat Water Development #1	07/21	Permittee	Good
5434	Big Hat Water Development #2	07/21	Permittee	Good

\*- Joint maintenance with other allotments.

1/ Maintain the portion of the fence from the rock bluffs in the SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 29, T.18N., north to the end of the fence.

2/ Maintain that portion of the fence from the Little Hat Creek Fence, #5191, Hat Creek Division Fence, #5192 junction in the NW 1/4, Section 26, T.17N., R.19E., thence, northerly to the end of the fence in the SE 1/4, Section 3, T.17N., R.19E.

The above range improvements are physically present on the allotment and have been reviewed and found to be in the above condition by the permittee as attested by his signature at the end of this document.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR 2003

No.	Name	Target Date	By	Maintenance Resp.
5434	Big Hat Water Development #2	9/30	Permittee-labor FS-materials	Permittee

### V. BILLING INFORMATION

Grazing fees are to be paid to Lockbox, San Francisco, CA, by the date specified on the Bill for Collection and in advance of cattle entry onto the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Grazing fees for the 2003 grazing season are \$1.35 per Head Month.

In 2003 the Forest Service will be billing \$.10 per Head Month for the Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission (IRRC). This will be done separately from your grazing fees for the Forest Service.

### VI. ACTION SUMMARY

Anticipated Concerns	Probable solution
Cattle use of the Park Moose Unit which is scheduled to be rested.	Permittee will check this unit at least once a week for cattle.
Cattle returning to already grazed units.	Make sure cattle are not allowed to go back into unit that has already been grazed.

I have reviewed and accepted these Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the 2003 grazing season. Any changes to the AOI must be approved by the District Ranger.

Permittee\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Forest Officer\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_